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GENTLEMEN:-

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OUTFITTERS
CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG.

WIDE-SPREAD FLOODS THREATENED THROUGHOUT AMERICA



Lady Sykes, wife of the former Governor of Bombay, who has been awarded the Kaiser-J-Hind medal of the first-class, for public services in India.—(S. & G.).

KREUGER FRAUDS RECALLED

Huge Commitments Of Torsten Kreuger.

JUDGMENT ON TWO BONDS POSTPONED

Stockholm, To-day. The gigantic frauds of the late "Match King," Ivar Kreuger are recalled by the order made yesterday against his brother, Torsten Kreuger, to pay a sum estimated at £50,000 to the estates of the Kreuger-Toll and Ivar Kreuger.

He has also been ordered to hand over a Greek bond valued at £80,000.

Judgment has been postponed in respect of two more bonds valued at nearly £200,000.

Torsten, who was sentenced to one year's hard labour in December, has also to pay £75,000 to the stockholders of one of his concerns, — Reuter.

AVIATION STOCK PROSPECTS.

"Immediate Outlook Clouded In U.S."

STOCK TRENDS SHOULD SOAR

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(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1891, Received March 7, 10.40 a.m.)

New York, To-day.

The prominent United States' economist and statistician, Mr. Roger Ward Babson, recommends holders of aviation stocks to take advantage of the rallies to lighten their holding.

The long view is essentially sound, but the immediate outlook is clouded, he asserts. Generally, stock trends should go upward.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

TRADE RELATIONS IN BATAVIA.

Dutch East Indies And British India.

New York, To-day. A telegram received here from Amsterdam, yesterday, states that it is learned from Batavia that important negotiations have been started for the purpose of securing an extension of the commercial relations between the Dutch East Indies and British India.

It is considered probable here that the representative of India, installed against Dutch East Indies' sugar, is contemplated.—Reuter.

U.S. URGE TO CREATE A FAR EAST MARKET

Priest Advocates Silver Remonetisation.

"WE NEED TO MAKE SILVER THE BASIC MONEY"

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Washington, To-day.

Testifying before the House of Representatives Banking and Coinage Committee, Father Coughlin, the noted Detroit priest, urged silver remonetisation especially to create a market in the Orient, due to the European market for American agricultural and industrial surpluses having "gone for ever."

He urged the passage of the Goldborough Bill, amended to provide broad remonetisation.

"We need to make silver the basic money," he asserted.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

GOLD PRICE RISE RUMOURED

Committee For Nation Demand Increase.

OFFICIALS NON-COMMITTAL

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(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1891, Received March 6, 4.21 p.m.)

Washington, To-day.

The rumours of a rise in the United States gold price are believed to be based on the report that the Committee for the Nation is demanding an increase.

It is recalled that the Committee advocated other developments which materialised.

The rumours are also based on the three-tenths per cent. decline in last week's Governmental commodity price index.

The gold stocks increase is considered to reflect this and other supposed trends. Officials are non-committal.

Official observers, not connected with the gold programme, have privately professed their uncertainty and inability to forecast.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

MINERS CAUTIOUS IN AMERICA.

Better Grade Metals Untouched.

GOLD AND SILVER SECURITY

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1891, Received March 7, 8.18 a.m.)

Kansas City, To-day.

Mr. Charles A. Chase, an official of the shenanigans, Dives Mining Company of Colorado, yesterday stated that the new American gold policy was not resulting in extensive mining activities.

He explained that mining companies were disposing of low grade ore profitably, but were leaving better grade metal in the ground as security for the future.

The same policy was being applied to silver, despite the fact that the price had more than doubled in the last few months to \$1.50—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

NO PORTION OF EMPIRE TO SUBSTITUTE WAR DEBTS

Premier Grants Assurance In House Of Commons

London, To-day. When asked in the House of Commons yesterday for an assurance that the Government would not agree to a settlement of the war debts, as between Britain and the United States, by ceding any portion of the British Empire, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, replied that it was self evident that there could be no circumstances where such an arrangement—British Wireless Service.

MOTOR-CAR INDUSTRIALISTS FACE CRISIS

30,000 Workers Threaten To Strike.

DEMAND 20 PER CENT WAGE INCREASE & SHORTER HOURS

New York, To-day.

The threat of a strike by over 30,000 workers, overhanging the motor-car and motor-body building factories, at Detroit and Cleveland last night.

Meanwhile, the National Labour Board at Washington is working anxiously to avert, by Federal arbitration, the strike, which will be the most important in the motor-car industry.

The workers at the Buick, Hudson, and Fisher body-building factories, are threatening to throw down their tools, demanding a 20 per cent. increase in wages and a 40-hour maximum weeks, in recognition of Union rights.—Reuter.

AMENDMENT TO NAVAL BILL.

10 Per Cent. Limit On Construction Profits.

102 WARSHIPS AND 1,184 PLANES

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Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate has passed the Vinson-Trammel Naval Bill by 65 votes to 18. The Bill now goes to the House of Representatives, for concurrence on the Senate amendment limiting warship construction profits to 10 per cent. to eliminate profiteering.

The Bill carries no specific appropriation, but it is estimated that it will involve from U.S.\$565,000,000 to more than U.S.\$1,000,000,000 over seven years.

It authorises 102 warships and 1,184 planes.

Senator Nye attacked the measure as "A Bill for the relief of munitions makers."—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

"Blustering, Bullying Navy Bill for Relief of Munitions Makers"

Washington, To-day. While Great Britain's financial programme is little criticised here, the official view is that Britain is within her treaty rights, America's own new \$154,000,000 Naval Expansion Bill providing for the building of six cruisers, 20 submarines, 55 destroyers and one aircraft carrier.

In the year, was described by the Republican Senator Nye, in the United States Senate yesterday, as "Blustering, Bullying Bill for the relief of munitions makers."

INUNDATION OF TOWNS

3 CHILDREN DROWNED IN CONNECTICUT

Ice Jams Dynamited To Ease Situation.

HUDSON RIVER THREAT

New York, To-day. Wide-spread floods are threatened throughout America, as the result of the Spring-like weather after the recent severe blizzards.

Swollen rivers in New England are inundating towns and farms, forcing the evacuation of many people in riverside dwellings.

Three children were drowned in the floods of the Connecticut River, where workmen are dynamiting ice-jams to ease the situation.

Scores of communities in New York State are threatened with submergence.

The Hudson River is rising, at a rate of a foot per hour, while the Allegheny River, in Pennsylvania, is sweeping away bridges and houses.—Reuter.

INTERNAL REVENUE IN AMERICA.

Highest Collections For Twelve Years.

THREE REASONS FOR INCREASE

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Washington, To-day.

The Treasury Department announced that the miscellaneous internal revenue collections, so far, for the present fiscal year, are U.S.\$1,004,555,738, the highest for 12 years, and, compared with U.S.\$536,216,898 at the corresponding date of last year.

The increase is due to repeal taxes, special levies on other products, and increased business.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

Prince Flies In Rainstorm.

London, To-day. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales yesterday flew, in rainy weather, from London to Catherham and back, to make his annual inspection of the Welsh Guards, of which Regiment he is Colonel.—British Wireless Service.

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RECOVERY FORCES IN AMERICA.

Sufficiently Potent To Succeed.

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Washington, To-day.

Senator Nye declared that the bill, which the Senate passed yesterday, would be sufficient to meet the emergency, and that the Senate's action in passing the bill was a good omen for the recovery of America.



Over 500 guests and thousands of spectators attended the opening ceremony of the Ava Railway Bridge over the Irrawaddy, by H.E. the Governor of Burma, Sir Hugh Stephenson, the new bridge has taken six years to complete, is three-quarters of a mile long, and has cost about £1,125,000.—(S. & G.).

N.R.A. PLAN TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT

Satisfactory Survey Reported.

PROSPECT OF MILLION NEW WORKERS

New York, To-day.

The re-employment of at least 1,000,000 more workers in private industry is the minimum of the immediate goal, is the opinion of the National Recovery Administrator, General Hugh Johnson.

He believes that out of 600 industries surveyed 30 per cent. are able and probably willing to further reduce working hours without reducing wages, and that the reduction will be sufficient to absorb 1,000,000 new workers.

The Labour Committee of the House of Representatives has unanimously voted for a flat 30-hour week in all N.R.A. industries, subject to modification in the case of labour shortage and emergencies.—Reuter.

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The House of Representatives Labour Committee has unanimously, favourably reported on the Connally Bill, providing a compulsory 30-hour week.

Observers have scouted the chances that the Bill will pass, but it is believed to be a valuable threat to make industry reduce hours and increase wages under the Codes.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

London, To-day.

Mr. George Dus Ta Embarks There in April.

Brussels, To-day.

Drastic measures are being taken to prevent the spread of plague in the region of Lobito, where Prince George is due to embark homeward, in April, at the conclusion of his South African tour.

Native art being vaccinated and the roads into Lobito are under supervision.—Reuter.

FIFTH GUNBOAT AT TAIKOO

Mr. Greig, in the course of a short speech at the reception held after the ceremony, said that, although the vessel did not exactly run into the water, it nevertheless very gracefully launched, and it was very kind of Mrs. Elliott to christen the vessel.

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BOMB THREAT TO CHAMBER.

Amazing Revelation At Paris Inquiry.

ANONYMOUS WARNING GIVEN

Paris, To-day.

The revelation that an unnamed airman planned to bomb the Chamber of Deputies during the recent disturbance, was made by M. Thome, a former Director of the Surete Generale, before the Riots Inquiry Commission, yesterday.

He said that as a consequence of an anonymous warning, he telephoned the Air Minister M. Pierre Cot, to forbid aeroplanes to leave military aerodromes.

He added that inquiries into the matter had proved fruitless.—Reuter.

LEVELLING TAX BURDEN.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Favours New Bill.

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The WOMAN'S Page



Paris Goes Crazy Over New Curls

Masses Worn Close To The Head

HAIR BRUSHED THROUGH SPLIT BONNETS

Women in Paris seem to have gone crazy over close-to-the-head curls lately.

To a great extent the new coiffures have been influenced by the new bonnet hats, so that it is the woman with the small, well-shaped head who looks her best in them. Actually, these locks are in adaptation of the Greek curl, but softer and looser, and much more easily kept in order. Skilfully placed invisible hairpins will prevent them from running riot.

The effect of these new curls can be made especially charming if the hair is parted in the centre, for the curls on each side can be multiplied until practically the whole front of the head is covered.

With a bonnet split into a separate band across the top of the front, the soft hair can be brushed carelessly through it, giving a double halo effect. Or this coiffure can be worn with a side parting, in which case the locks curl forward instead of back, being massed on one side of the head.

Then there is another school of thought which insists that the curls should be placed at the top of the back of the head, the hair beneath being cut short.

Slender Neck Effect

The effect of this, of course, is to make the neck look delightfully slender, for the nape is kept quite clear. It is a return to the style of Mme. Recamier, seen in the famous portrait of that beauty of a century ago.

Sometimes these little curls will be brought up like a crown, covering the back of the head and kept in place by an ornament. This, again, is a reaction to the sudden popularity of the diadem, which demands a more elaborate style of hairdressing.

And even long hair can be brought into line, for some of the Paris hairdressers are inventing new coiffures for their clients who still refuse to have their hair cut off. They are twisting it up in long plaits over the head in a manner which accentuates a well-shaped neck and gives a glimpse of a pretty ear.

A Smart Head

Here are the rules to follow if you want a smart head according to the latest dictates of fashion in Paris:

Curl the ends of your hair only; the rest should be sleek.

Brush the curls through your bonnet.

Keep your curls flat but loose.

Trim your bonnet with feathers in a shade which accentuates the colour of your hair.

Introducing Floral Coiffure



Anna Sten

A new vogue, taken from an old-fashioned hairdress, is displayed by Anna Sten, Russian girl who attained stardom in Hollywood. The coiffure consists of an elaborate arrangement of curls banded with a wreath of hibiscus blooms. The same type of flower on the shoulder strap adds to the charming effect.

HATS THAT NEED PERFECT HAIR

Setting Your Waves At Home.

THE USE OF HAIR-CLIPS

The latest hats are attractive, but they make demands on their wearers! It is absolutely essential that hair should be beyond reproach.

No busy woman can spend very much time visiting her hairdresser, and the best plan is to go to an expert regularly—once a fortnight or every three weeks, as convenience suggests—and make a practice of really careful home-setting in-between-times.

It is wise to tackle this setting every other morning. The hair should be damped and sprinkled with a good setting lotion, and then combed out. The waves should then be "pinched up" into the desired position, and each one fixed with a grip. In this respect the Lady Jane Wave Clip—either straight or curved—is very useful. This clip has little metal teeth which do succeed in holding the hair in place and pressing the wave automatically in the right direction.

If the clips are put into the hair, say, before going into the bath, little time need be wasted, for the half hour expended on bathing and exercises should be quite long enough to obtain a successful set.

ONE-PIECE DRESSES IN WOOL

One-piece dresses in fine wool and instant length also are worn a lot this season, and they have long fitted sleeves and the true mermaid silhouettes from shoulders to hem.

Women wear them with short jackets and fur caps, or with short fur wraps.

IDEAS ABOUT FURS.

How To Preserve Fluffiness.

A fur coat presents a bedraggled appearance if caught in the rain, but do not attempt to dry the coat close to a fire. This will damage the skin. Shake thoroughly, rub with a dry cloth, hang in a warm, dry room or cupboard. When quite dry shake and brush thoroughly.

Each time you remove your fur stole or necklace, shake freely while holding the head, and brush before putting it away. Furs will keep fluffy longer if this is done.

If you have not a special fur comb, brush frequently with a fine wire brush. This is specially necessary with the finer type of fur that becomes matted quickly.

To preserve the fluffiness of the coarsest types of furs, beat them gently with a pliant cane after each use.

To freshen furs that have been stored away, hang in the open air on a cold day. Shake or beat lightly at intervals.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN.

Minced Veal and Macaroni
Roast Chicken
Bacon Curles
Riced Potatoes
Black Cap Pudding
Wine Sauce

DINNER.

Soupe aux Navets
Fried Pomfret
Sauce Tartare
Toulouse Patties
Roast Stuffed Shoulder of Mutton
Roast Potatoes
Braised Onions
Cocoanut Pudding

Minced Veal And Macaroni

1 lb. minced veal, 2 eggs, salt and pepper, 4 oz. of minced ham, 4 oz. of breadcrumbs, 6 oz. of macaroni, $\frac{1}{2}$ gill of stock, the grated peel of $\frac{1}{2}$ a lemon. Put the veal and ham through a mincer and mix them with the breadcrumbs and lemon peel. Bind with the stock and the well-beaten eggs, season to taste. Boil the macaroni in salted water and drain. Grease a mould or basin well and line it with the macaroni. Chop any macaroni left over finely and add to the veal. Put the mixture into the prepared mould, cover with grease paper and steam for $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 hour over a saucepan of boiling water. Turn out the veal onto a hot dish and pour round tomato or brown sauce. Garnish with croûtons or cooked turnip.

Black Cap Pudding

3 tablespoonsful currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. flour, 2 eggs, 1 pint milk. Sieve the flour into a basin with a pinch of salt. Drop the eggs into the middle and stir into the flour. Add the milk, stir again and leave for half an hour. Butter a basin or mould and line with the currants. Add the butter carefully so as not to disturb the currants. Tie down and steam for an hour. Turn out a hot dish when the currants form a cap. Serve with a sweet sauce.

Braised Onions

4 large onions, 4 lumps of sugar, salt and pepper, 4 oz. of butter, margarine or good dripping. Melt the sugar and fat in a pan or casserole, skin the onions and put into it.

Cover the pan and simmer the onions very gently either over low heat or in a moderate oven for about 2 hours or longer. Shake the onions, and turn them once or twice. The fat and sugar should make a sort of brown sauce, which should glaze the onions. When they are quite soft skim the fat from the sauce, and lift the onions, out on to a hot dish, season the sauce and pour it over and round the onions.

Cocoanut Pudding

3 eggs, 4 oz. butter or margarine, $\frac{1}{2}$ a nutmeg, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of desiccated cocoanut, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of lemon

essence. 6 oz. of short crust or rough puff pastry, 4 oz. of sugar. Line a pie dish with the pastry, decorate the edges with little rings of pastry. Beat up the sugar and butter to a cream, add the eggs one by one, beating them in well. Add the lemon essence, nutmeg and the desiccated cocoanut. If the mixture is too dry, add a very little milk. Put the mixture into a greased pie dish and bake in a fairly hot oven for about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour, or until the pudding is set and the pastry is cooked. Serve hot or cold.

Soupe Aux Navets

3 pints of white stock, 6 imported turnips (yellow), medium size, 1 tablespoonful of cornflour, 1 bunch of sweet herbs, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk, pepper and salt, 1 onion, 1 blade of mace, 1 oz. of butter. Put the stock, onion, mace and sweet herbs into a pan, cover it and simmer gently for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. Strain and cool, then take off all the fat and pour the liquor from the sediment. Put into a stew pan with the turnips, peeled and cut into small dice, and let it simmer for nearly half an hour seasoning it with salt and pepper. Before serving blend the flour with the milk and add. Whisk in the butter bit by bit. Stir until the soup boils, simmer for five minutes then serve. This should be as thick as rich cream.

Toulouse Patties

Puff pastry cases, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Veloute sauce, 4 chicken livers, salt and pepper, 3 or 4 dried mushrooms (previously soaked in boiling water). Cayenne. Wash and trim the livers. Chop the mushrooms and cook them with the livers in a little butter. Drain, chop the livers finely and add them to the Veloute sauce with the mushrooms. Make hot, season well and fill into the patty cases.



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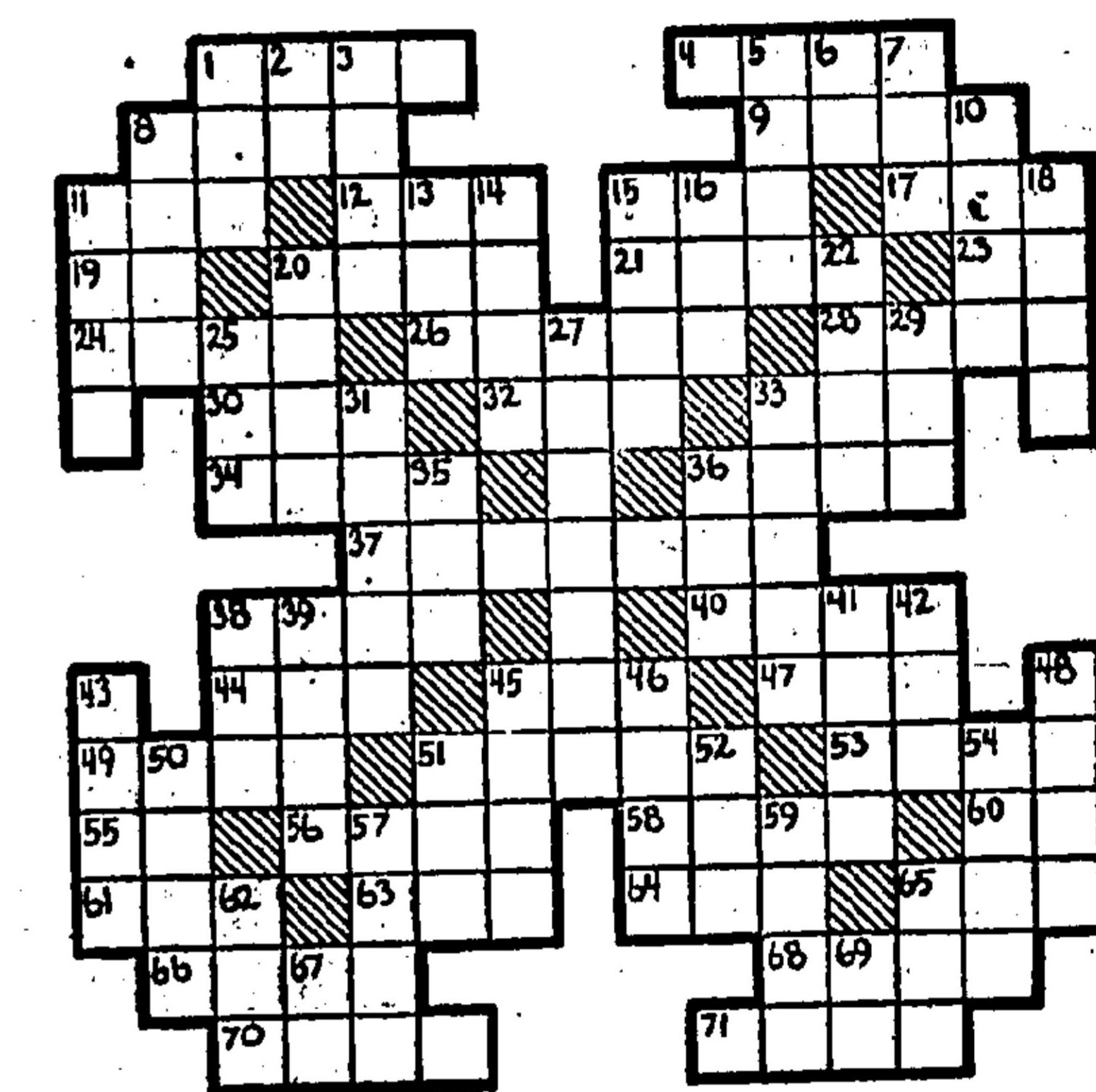
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho'.



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)										VERTICAL (Cont.)									
4-Plaunt	22-A college official	5-Plunder (slang)	23-Lace fabric	8-Solitary	24-You and I	11-Greek god of war	25-Answer (abbr.)	12-At present	26-Turks	13-Bellies	27-Insert	14-Half a score	28-Tavern	15-A foal	29-Besseches	16-Ballad	30-Carol	17-Close	31-Reclines
16-Shed tears	32-Part of a ship	17-Marry	33-Greek goddess of the dawn	18-Conjunction	34-Tore	19-Agitate	35-Tavern	20-Chackie	36-Tempers	21-Gaunt	37-Indefinite article	22-A negative	38-Food container	23-A negative	39-Besseches	24-Tardier	40-Organ of hearing	25-Consumes	41-Carol
21-Put on	41-Part of a ship	22-A negative	42-Food mound	23-Said to a horse	43-Vehicle on runners	24-Half a score	44-Rain in very fine drops	25-Bellies	45-Seats in a church	26-Ballad	46-Paradise	27-Answer (abbr.)	47-Parade	28-Ballad	48-Parades	29-Besseches	49-Man's name	30-Carol	50-Before
26-Soldier	51-Close	27-Boat	52-A female sheep	28-Boat	53-Width	29-Answer (abbr.)	54-A wide-mouthed pitcher	30-Close	55-Infold	31-Reclines	56-Head covering	32-Part of a ship	57-Point of compass (abbr.)	33-Insert	58-Girl's name	34-Close	59-Likewise not	35-Greek goddess of the dawn	60-Heavenly body
31-Reclines	59-Infold	32-Part of a ship	61-Point of compass (abbr.)	33-Insert	62-Heavenly body	34-Close	63-Floral suffix	35-Greek goddess of the dawn	64-Heavenly body	36-Insert	65-Floral suffix	37-Temper	66-Heavenly body	38-Faces	67-Heavenly body	39-Besseches	68-Heavenly body	40-Bird house	69-Heavenly body
38-Faces	60-Infold	39-Besseches	61-Point of compass (abbr.)	40-Bird house	62-Heavenly body	41-Faces	63-Floral suffix	42-Bird house	64-Heavenly body	43-Bird house	65-Floral suffix	44-Faces	66-Heavenly body	45-Bird house	67-Heavenly body	46-Bird house	68-Heavenly body	47-Bird house	69-Heavenly body
41-Carol	66-Heavenly body	42-Bird house	67-Heavenly body	43-Bird house	68-Heavenly body	44-Bird house	69-Heavenly body	45-Bird house	70-Heavenly body	46-Bird house	71-Heavenly body	47-Bird house	72-Heavenly body	48-Bird house	73-Heavenly body	49-Bird house	74-Heavenly body	50-Bird house	75-Heavenly body

The solution of the above will appear in to-morrow's issue.

BLOUSES TO HAVE NEW POPULARITY.

Elbow-Length Sleeves

Blouses will be very much to the fore as the year advances. Palest rose, ivory and cream satin, georgette, and crepe de Chine ones are being made to accompany tailored suits.

Nearly all are exquisitely embroidered and have elbow-length or three-quarter sleeves.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd. Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 21st March, 1934, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1933; electing Directors and Auditors; and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 12th March, 1934, until WEDNESDAY, 21st March, 1934, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. L. KING,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1934.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICED IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report, and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to the 21st day of March 1934, both days inclusive.

Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1934.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 27th March 1934, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 27th March 1934, both days inclusive.

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THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 10th March, 1934, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits &c.

The Secretary's office, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building, (Tel. 27784), will close at 12 o'clock Noon.

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No Pretex will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1934.

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Hong Kong, 1st March, 1934.

BRIDGE NOTES

The Slam Double Convention.

This convention originated in 1930 by Culbertson's favourites partner, Mr. Theodore Lightner, and is as follows:

If a player who is not on lead, doubles a slam contract (either small or grand), he tells his partner that he can defeat the contract if a different lead is made from that which would normally be expected.

This would mean that if either partner had bid a suit, this should not be opened, but some other lead would set the contract. If neither partner had bid, the double would indicate that a lead of one of the suits bid by opponents was desired. The great value of this bid has actually been demonstrated over a period of years, mostly by observing the many hands where its employment would have defeated the contracts than from its actual result in play, as only very few people have known this convention.

Example:

North:—
S—K 10 9 6 2
H—Q 7 6 5
D—A Q
C—A Q

East:—

S—A Q
H—9 3 2
D—10 5 4 3
C—10 5 4 3

South:—

S—J 7
H—A K J
D—K J 9 2
C—K J 9 2

West:—

S—8 5 4 3
H—10 8 4
D—8 7 6
C—8 7 6

The bidding:

North East South West
1 Spade No bid 3 NT No bid
4 NT No bid 6 NT No bid
No bid ?

If East now passes West will have to guess, and as a lead from four small of opponent's bid suit is about the worst that can be imagined, the slam contract will almost surely be fulfilled. But if East should double! This tells West that the contract can be defeated if he does not make a normal opening. As any opening other than opponent's suit may be West's normal lead, the double here advises West that a spade lead will defeat the hand. If East held Ace, King of another suit he could only pass and pray that his partner would guess the right opening.

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The detective sent down and shouted down the tunnel. Three natives came out. Ninety minutes later the police again visited the tunnel and shouted down it. Another four natives wormed their way out. They were placed in the cells at the Fordburg police station.

Later an augmented detective force scrambled down into the tunnel and made their way. With the thin light of torches guiding them, along the tunnel. After running straight and horizontally for about 50 feet, the passage forked right and left. Each branch was about 50 feet in length.

Small Compartment Found

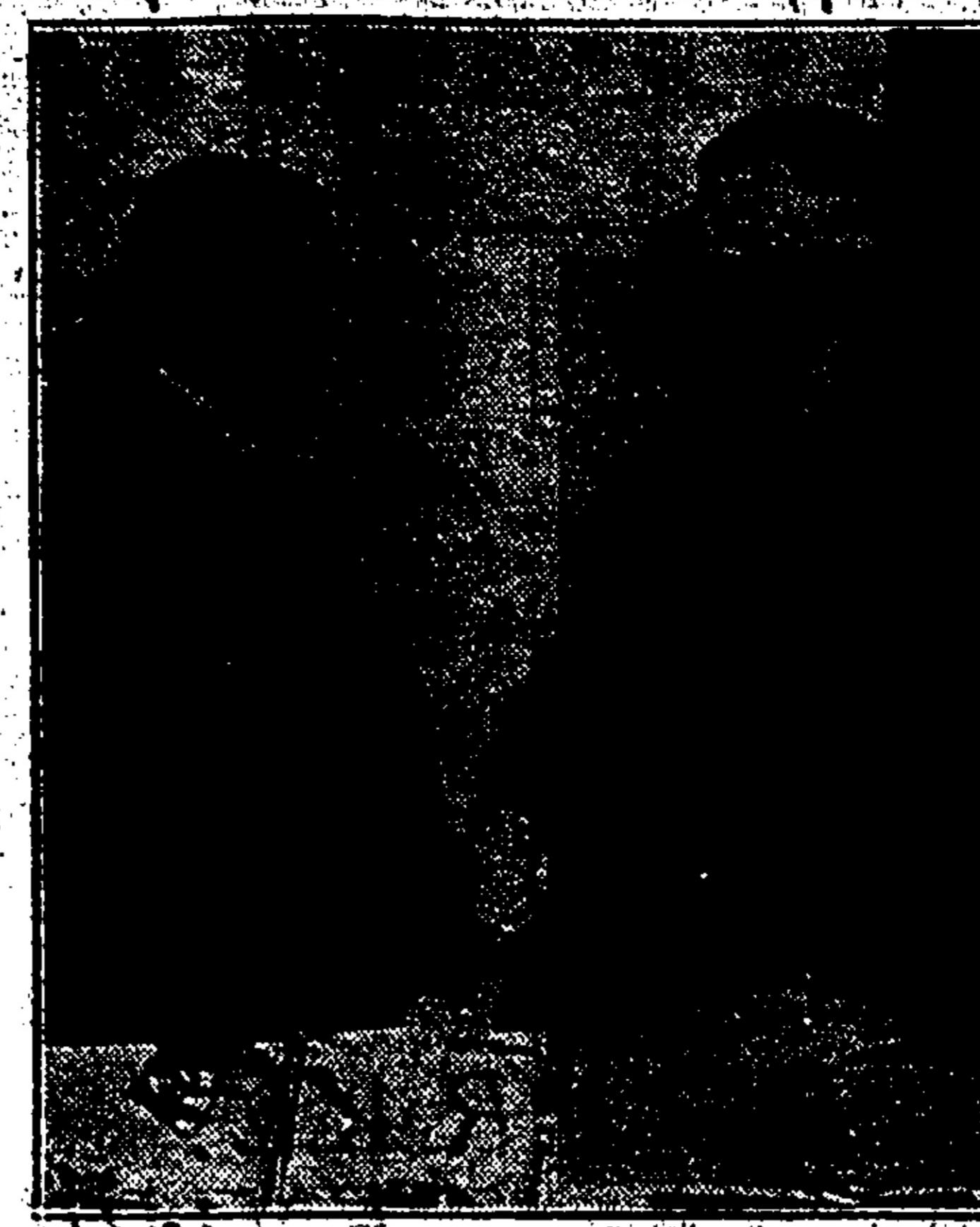
Halfway along its length there was a sudden break in the brick-lined wall and the detectives found a small compartment, also brick-lined, about six feet square. The floor was of concrete. At the end of each branch of the tunnel was a second compartment of about the same size.

The heat was almost overwhelming and the detectives were astonished to find evidence on all sides that the native inhabitants of this cave had been in the habit of cooking their food on fire in the tunnel.

Large quantities of clothing, blankets and ground sheets were found along the tunnel and inside the compartments or rooms sufficient evidence that a large number of natives had made the cave their home.

A minor who is engaged in sinking a shaft in the old dump across the dip, came to tell the police that from time to time he had noticed large numbers of natives entering or leaving the tunnel. He had counted them on various occasions and said that there were as many as 40 natives using the cave as their home.—Reuter.

Soviet Envoy Calls on N. Y. Mayor



43 NATIVES LIVING IN MINE DUMP
Strange Discovery In Transvaal.

ROBBERY REVEALS HIDE-OUT

Johannesburg (Transvaal). A huge cave leading into the heart of the Old Rosinon Mine dump where no fewer than 43 natives were living has been discovered by the police. The dramatic discovery followed an investigation by the police into an attack at night on an elderly European woman on her way home. She was robbed of her handbag.

A detective, accompanied by a uniformed policeman, went to investigate the affair.

The detective saw in the rain-sodden earth a tell-tale spoor and followed it through the mud of a spruit, across the main reef road and up the slopes of the old Robison Mine dump.

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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (345 K.C.H.)

1-15 p.m.—European programme.

1-30 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1-30 p.m.—Recorded music.

1-35 p.m.—Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

1-50 p.m.—Close Down Relay from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

1-50 p.m.—Chinese programme.

2-15 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

2-30 p.m.—European programme.

2-30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Sporting Page

BORDERERS FAVOURED VITAL GAME AGAINST THE ST. JOSEPH'S

Leonard Must Change His Tactics.

INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS USELESS AGAINST STEADY DEFENCE

**Saturday's Local Soccer
(By OUTSIDE LEFT).**

With memories of last Sunday's defeat at the hands of South China on the same ground St. Joseph's, one time premier soccer league favourites, will clash, for the first time this season, with the Borderers in a vital match on the Caroline Hill ground on Saturday.

The Saints will have to give a much improved display at forward if they are to emerge victorious against last year's runners-up, who, with three games in hand, are only three points in arrears of the Lincolns, the present leaders.

Leader's Weakness

Leonard's neglect of two very capable inside men has been the weak link in the Saints' attack, and in Podmore the centre-forward is likely to meet with more than his match, and, should he repeat his former tactics a fast-moving and dangerous forward line will be rendered almost useless against a steady half-back trio and two exceptionally good backs in Mullane and Morrison.

The Borderers are at the top of their form at the moment and I will be surprised if they fail before a team, who have greatly deteriorated in their last few games.

Lincolns Favoured

The Lincolns are still in the process of team-building, following their loss of players by the Neurals, but they should prove too good for Kowloon, who have been more heavily handicapped by the departure of their Argyll players.

The leaders have shown the better stamina of the two teams this season, and, provided they can keep Elliott and Blake in check during the first half, they should win by a much larger margin than a goal to nil, the result of their first encounter with the civilians.

Malpas has shown no loss of form after nearly a season's absence and Dudley is proving a very fine substitute for Cork at centre-half.

Police Win Indicated

The Club should repeat their former win over the Gunners, as I understand they will be at full strength, and the Police should encounter little difficulty against the Recreos, in spite of the latter team's recent improvement. The Navy, who secured a clear-cut win over the Artillery last Saturday, should enhance their bright championship prospects at the expense of the East Lancs, whose unreliable defence is likely to be over-run by Skinner and the fast-moving Navy forward line.



The following is my forecast of Saturday's matches:

FIRST DIVISION

Artillery (2) v CLUB (4) (Club, 4.30 p.m.)
LINCOLNS (1) v Kowloon (0) (K.F.U., 4.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's (-) v BORDERERS (-) (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
POLICE (6) v RECREOS (1) (Police, 4.30 p.m.)
E. Lancs (0) v NAVY (8) (Chatham Rd., 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

S. CHINA (4) v Y. Indians (1) (FIRST DIVISION)

THIRD DIVISION

Radio (0) v R.A.C.C. (4) (University, 4.30 p.m.)
BORDERERS (2) v R.M.C. (8) (R.M.C., 4.30 p.m.)



LEE WAI TONG IN COLONY.

China's Outstanding Footballer.

MAY TRAVEL NORTH

Lee Wai Tong, China's best footballer, arrived in the Colony to-day after being in Batavia for some considerable period.

A member of China's Olympic team in 1923 and 1925 and one of the touring party to Australia in 1923, Lee is uncertain regarding his movements. He may stay in Hong Kong or may go to Shanghai and return to the Colony later in the year.

Lee was seen at his best in the 1925 season, and will be remembered as the man who made Ip Pak Wa as a left-winger—Lee was the inside-left.

SOUTH CHINA SELECT TEAM FOR SATURDAY

Game Against The Young Indians

The following will represent South China in their Second Division game against the Young Indians at Caroline Hill on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Wong Wu-kui; Chung Chi-ying, Yu Hing-yuen; Lam Tak-po, Yau Wah-ling, George Yeung, Kam Sik-wai, Leung Tat-wing, Lai Sui-wing, Chow Kwai-kong, and Ng Pok-kuai.

CANTON SOCCERITES MAKING VISIT

Play South China On Tuesday

Football enthusiasts should witness a very even encounter next Tuesday when the Canton Air Force will meet South China at Caroline Hill, at 4 p.m.

A strong local team will be selected to oppose the Canton visitors, who are reputed to be exceptionally strong.

CLUB "A" PLAYING CUMBERLAND

To-day's Rugby Game

Beating the Cornwall by a decisive margin last week the Club "A" will meet the Cumberland in to-day's Rugby encounter at the Valley, commencing at 5 p.m.

The following is the Club team: N. Noble; A. D. Lawson; B. C. Al-lan, W. E. Peters, A. H. Har-board; I. Hutchinson, H. C. Meekes; C. Austin, R. G. Capleton, R. I. Charlill; J. T. Edkins, R. Stillard, J. C. Miller, F. J. McGowan and K. A. Morris.

Reserves:—W. E. Andrews and D. M. Wheeler.

The following will represent St Andrews' against the selected India Hockey XI on the Marina ground on Friday at 5 p.m.:—E. B. Wong, Y. Y. Brundrett, E. H. P. White, E. McNamee, J. E. P. P. White, and J. E. H. Wilson. Our thanks are kindly acknowledged to Mr. D. Whalley and Mr. G. G. Stevenson.

S. CHINA STILL UNCERTAIN

Heavy Cost Incurred For Olympiad

MR. CHOW INTERVIEWED

"We have not yet decided whether we are sending teams to the Far Eastern Olympic Games," said Mr. Chow, an official of the South China Amateur Athletic Federation to a *China Mail* representative yesterday.

"The China National Amateur Athletic Federation in Nanking have sent out circulars asking each province to send teams to Shanghai from where China's representatives will be selected."

It has already been reported that an appropriation of \$54,000 was voted by the Nanking Executive Yuan to finance Chinese athletes for participation at the Far Eastern Olympic Games to be held in Manila in May.

ARMY MEET CLUB THIS AFTERNOON

Triangular Tourney's Opening Match

ENGLAND TEAM MAY BE SELECTED AFTER GAME

The first match in the 1933-4 Triangular Hockey Tournament will be staged this afternoon at King's Park when the Army meet the Club at 5 p.m.

It is understood that the England team to meet Scotland in the International Tournament will be selected after the game.

The following is the Army team:

Pte. Hollingsworth (Lincolns); Lieut. Metcalfe (R.A.); Lieut. Rousier (Lincolns); L/Cpl. Yeomans (Lincoln), Sergt. Hallford (S.W.B.A. A.E.C.), and L/Nk. Alf Afan (Punjab); Cpl. Barlow (R.A.S.C.), Sepoy Kartar Singh (Punjab), W. O. Senior (A.E.C.), Lieut. Garthwaite (B.A.) and L/Nk. Lal (Punjab). Reserves:—Lieut. Hoogland (Lincolns). Referee:—Lieut. Jeffers (R. A. S. C.).

The Club will be represented by the following:

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VINES MAKING \$3,000 A WEEK AT TENNIS

Encounters With Tilden Will Continue Until March 19

Ellsworth Vines' matches with Tilden earned him £34,000 in his first week as a lawn tennis professional. His share for the first match was £14,000.

It is estimated that Vines should make between \$16,000 and \$20,000 during his present tour, which ends on Monday, March 19. Nineteen matches in all are to be played.

Reuter.

SULLIVAN AGAIN PROVES WEAK LINK

Ricketts Qualifies To Meet Duff.

ANXIOUS MOMENTS AGAINST LEFT-HANDER

W. A. H. Duff and A. L. Sullivan, favoured in some quarters for the title, secured an easy entry into the Third Round of the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship yesterday when they beat Tam Yoc Fong and Ng Kam Chuen by 6-2, 6-2.

Sullivan was again erratic, and it was from his racket that the Chinese pair secured the majority of their points.

G. R. M. Ricketts succeeded in eliminating Lu Tak Cheuk, but he was given several anxious moments before he overcame the Chinese left-hander to qualify to meet W.

A. H. Duff, former Shanghai champion, in the quarter-finals of the Singles Championship.

Capt. P. S. Cannon recorded his second win in as many days when he and H. Owen Hughes beat C. E. Millard, former K. C. C. "A" Division player, and C. Pile, better known as the Police footballer.

Yesterday's results were as follows:—

Open Singles.—G. R. M. Ricketts beat Lu Tak-cheuk 6-3, 6-4.

Open Doubles.—A. L. Sullivan and W. A. H. Duff beat Tam Yoc-fong and Ng Kam-chuen 6-3, 6-2;

Capt. P. S. Cannon and H. Owen Hughes beat C. S. Pile and C. E. Millard 6-2, 6-3.

The Titam Handicap "B" Class

One Mile

Chesterfield (163 lb.), Chow Fan (163), Classic Hall (163), Copper Idol (152), Courier (140), Dancing Butterfly (145), Dare Devil (140), Hell for Leather (158), In Good Time (155), Ironsides (140), King Willow (158), Panama (145), Racing Spirit (151), Red Fox (140), Sarabande (140), Soldier of Fortune (158), Surprise (163), The Carp (145), Tiny Star (163) and Young Chap (158).

20 entries.

The Titam Handicap "A" Class

One Mile

Brain Tub (158), Brass Idol (158), Cochin (158), Full Speed (155), Income Tax (161), Kitaps (158), Racing Stevin (155), Rolling Bay (161), Scar Face (158), Skidaway (158), Soldier of Italy (158), The Bodgas (158), Toi-toi (158), Wapiti (158), Young Companion (158) and Young Hero (158).

16 entries.

The Hong Kong Handicap "B" Class

One-and-a-half Miles

Blue Star (140), Brass Idol (158), Cochin (158), Full Speed (155), Income Tax (161), Kitaps (158), Racing Stevin (155), Rolling Bay (161), Scar Face (158), Skidaway (158), Soldier of Italy (158), The Bodgas (158), Toi-toi (158), Wapiti (158), Young Companion (158) and Young Hero (158).

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The Hong Kong Handicap "B" Class

One-and-a-half Miles

Bistro (145), Bright Star (150), Daylight Eve (150), Flying Tourist (156), King's Bounty (158), Mike (168), Don (158), Glenugie (155), Hetman (164), King Justice (158), Navy Hall (160), Sedko (158), Brilliant Star (156), Electric Star (154), Gladiator (146), New Star (154), Soldier of Britain (145) and Soldier of China (154).

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21 entries.

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WATER POLO GAME TO-DAY.

S. CHINA Meet League Champions.

The following are the teams for to-day's Water Polo game between the European Y.M.C.A. senior league champions last season, and South China in the Y.M.C.A. bath at 6 p.m.

S.G.A.—Kwok Mok-hoi; Wong Suen-man and Wan Ju-man; Chan Ki-chung; Ho Ping-kei; Kwok Chun-hang and Cheung Wing-kong; Y.M.C.A.—S. Fowler; Jenkins and D. Fullager; E. W. Ratton; W. T. Campbell, W. Schreder, and D. Sutherland.

Referee:—Lieut. Hoogland (Lincolns).

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RESULT OF EXPERIMENTS

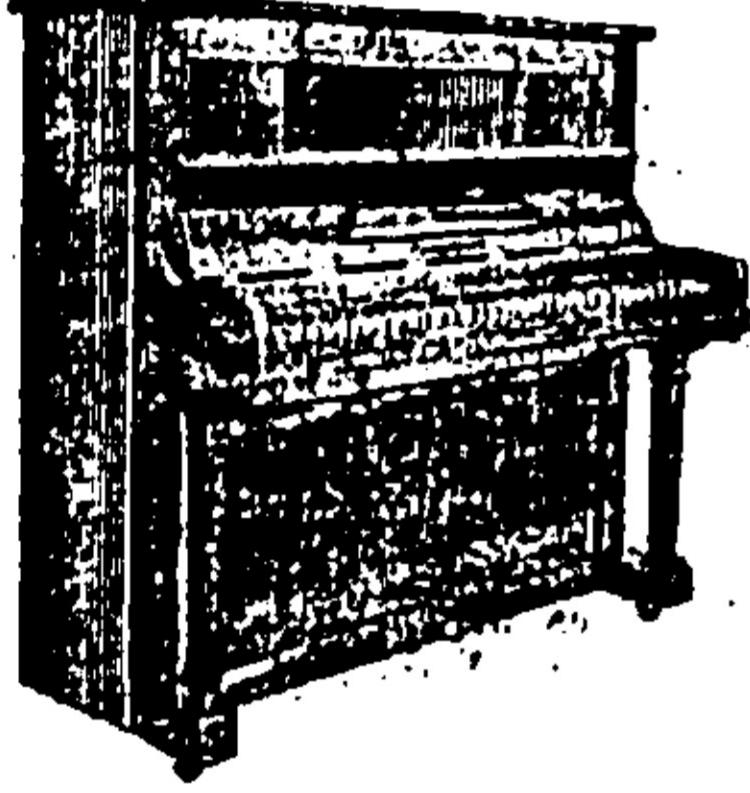
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IN AIR RACE****Preparations For The
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American airmen are to make a determined bid for victory in the Melbourne centenary air race in October.

Competitors from America will fly as a team and to that end special schools of instruction have been set up.

The hazards of the route are being studied and ground staffs familiar with American machines will be specially posted at the compulsory checking-in places, Bagdad, Calcutta, Singapore, Port Darwin and Charleville.

Most British pilots are already familiar with the conditions likely to be met with, and have an additional advantage in that the low-wing monoplane type of plane used by the Americans, although very fast, has difficulty in battling through bad weather.

Part of the route, that between Karachi and Rangoon, will be traversed during the monsoon storm season.

The list of probable entrants includes many of the most picturesque figures in aviation.

Among these is Marcelline Neilson, a 19-year-old girl who recently learned to fly, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Millson, Nevill Stack, Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, C. P. T. Ulm, Mrs. Victor Bruce with one or two male co-pilots, Cathcart Jones and C. W. A. Scott.

Melbourne's centenary will be given its biggest advertisement by the air race, but the inclusion of golf events for a purse of at least £3000, tennis championships "expected to assume Wimbledon status," a world Scout Jamboree, and possibly a series of England-American-Australian polo tests, will add to the pageantry with which the city will entertain its visitors.

**Notre Dame's New Coach Lays Plans**

Elmer Layden (left), once a member of Notre Dame's famous "Four Horsemen" who was recently appointed head football coach and athletics director at the Indiana university, is shown discussing plans with Father O'Hara, vice-president of Notre Dame.

Modern Football A Tin Soldier Combine**Famous Managers And Bad
Effect Of Off-side Law**

BELOW are given the views of prominent Home football managers upon the opinion that the change in the off-side law has led to a definite fall in the standard of football.

With one exception the managers are in entire agreement. Mr. W. H. Walker, recently appointed manager of Sheffield Wednesday, takes the opposite view—that there is nothing wrong with modern play.

This is what managers say:

Mr. David Pratt (secretary-manager of Clapton Orient F.C.).—It is only too true that the standard of football has greatly deteriorated during the past eight years, and the change in the off-side law is partly to blame.

When this alteration was made a way had to be found to close the created gap, and now we have three full-backs, for nowadays no one can say that the average centre half is other than a full-back. This sacrificed the individual player for the tin soldier combine, and now what have we got? Speed and brawn in the place of brains and common sense!

I agree that players should be controlled and properly marshalled, but why kill the individual?

We hear a lot of the scarcity of young players these days, but if there is a lack it is because natural football ability is being killed for the speed and combine craze of the present age.

ONE SOLUTION.

P. Gallagher, the greatest inside forward I have seen or played with, was not drilled into a mechanical game. He with 10 others went on to the field to pool their common sense in the best interests of the club; and Glasgow Celtic could and did play most attractive football with the best results.

As an alternative to the third full back game, why not two centre half-backs?

The two full-backs would play close in with the two wing halves wide out and in front of them. Between them and the forwards would be an attacking centre half-back with the inside right or inside left in line as the occasion demands, leaving four forwards in a line and all attacking.

AS GOOD AS EVER.

Mr. W. H. Walker, Sheffield Wednesday Secretary-Manager.—Personally I think football is as good as ever it was. The triangle work of the forwards has certainly improved, and I believe that is due to the development of the "up and down" formations.

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**China Mail
Sports Diary****TO-DAY**

Hockey—Triangular Tournament:

Army v. Hong Kong Hockey Club

(King's Park, 5 p.m.)

Cue Clark Cup:

Y.M.C.A. v. "A" (5.30 p.m.)

Lawn Tennis—Open Singles:

J. W. Leonard v. Capt. R. C. Cannon

or Ng Kam-chuen

Open Doubles:

I. M. A. Razack and J. A. E. Casabiany v. S. A. and H. D. Kun-Jahn

TO-MORROW

Hockey—

Borderers v. East Lancashires

(4.30 p.m.)

Radio Sports v. University

(5 p.m.)

Lawn Tennis—Open Singles:

Tau Wai-pui v. R. G. Hoare

(Stand Court)

Open Doubles:

Two Ping-pan and Tau Yun-pui v.

A. L. Gilligan and W. H. Duff

or Tam Yee-fong and Ng Kam-chuen

FRIDAY

Hockey—

R.K.S.R.A. v. East Lancashire

(4.30 p.m.)

St. Andrew's v. "India"

(Marina, 5 p.m.)

Lawn Tennis—Open Singles:

W. A. H. Duff v. G. R. M. Ricketts

or Lu Tak-cheuk

(Stand Court)

Open Doubles:

L. Goldman and E. C. Finch or J.

W. Leonard and V. Y. Hashima

Lu Tak-cheuk and W. C. Hung or

Chu Chun-chin and Lee U-wing

**RUGBY FOOTBALL
HOME UNIONS AND
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Probable****MEETING SATURDAY
WEEK**

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

February 9.

A statement was issued yesterday to the effect that the four home Unions have reached a decision on the question of resuming relations with the French Rugby Federation.

Last Friday, according to this statement, before the Scotland v. Wales match in Edinburgh, an informal meeting of representatives of the home Unions was held. Mr. Cyril Rutherford, the secretary of the French Federation, was present and he leaves London to-day, we are informed, to collect in Paris a letter to the French Federation from the International Board conveying the decision of the home Unions.

It is expected, moreover, that a statement will be issued from Paris to-morrow morning.

This all sounds most impressive, but in my opinion, it is simply one more example of intelligent anticipation of events. There has been a succession of rumours concerning a resumption of relations with France, but none of them has so far proved correct.

It is true that Mr. Rutherford was in Edinburgh last Friday, and that the usual informal meeting of representatives of the home Unions was held.

No Formal Meeting Held

The point is, though, that this meeting was informal, and that no formal meeting of the International Board has been held.

Until the position has been considered at a formal meeting of the Board it is obviously impossible for any official move in the matter to be made. The next statutory meeting of the Board's, as usual, on the eve of the Calcutta Cup match on March 17. Unless, therefore, a special meeting is convened before that time we may take it that all suggestions that relations have been resumed are rumour.

It is common knowledge that a certain amount of investigation has taken place unofficially, and that there is accordingly a definite movement towards a decision. It is well known also that the Welsh Union are inclined to resume fixtures, whereas the other home Unions maintain their attitude of friendly indifference.

France has to prove her case, and their proof has to be acknowledged formally at a statutory meeting of the International Board. Any statement issued from Paris to-morrow, then, is likely to be unofficial from the home Unions' point of view.

In the meanwhile, it would surely be as well if the International Board would clear up the position and deal with these persistent rumours by issuing an official statement of the exact position.

**NEW CHALLENGER
FOR GOLF TITLE****Willie Macfarlane To
Visit Britain.****HAS DEFEATED BOBBY JONES**

Coral Gables, Florida.

Willie Macfarlane, winner of the \$10,000 (£2,000) Miami-Baltimore Open Tournament here, has revealed that he expects to make his first challenge for the British Open Championship next season.

The 42-year old Tuckahoe, New York, professional was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. He worked as a plasterer in America before becoming a professional golfer. He has never played in the British Open Championship.

He won the American Open in 1925, defeating Bobby Jones in the play-off at Worcester, Massachusetts, and last summer annexed the Metropolitan Open Title for the second time.

With a 288, four over par for 27 holes, Macfarlane added the Billings championship to his list, despite the fact that he was suffering from neuritis in his leg, due to an operation. Denny Shute of Philadelphia, who won the British Open crown—Reuter.

**GO BACK TO THE
OLD ORDER****Intelligence Needed**

Mr. Wilfred Wild (Manchester City manager).—I join in the general cry for a return to the days before the off-side law was changed.

I predict that in another couple of seasons we shall be back to the old formation and that the centre half will be doing his job in the same way as before the off-side law was changed.

It may not be very noticeable yet, but I do see a definite trend away from the third back game.

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The present game is less spectacular than when all the forwards joined in the attack. The change worked well for a time, but players and managers soon devised a way to circumvent the new plan.

The same thing would happen whatever fresh ideas were.

I agree that the public cry for more open play and more space in the middle would point out that is due to the development of the "up and down" formations.

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ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANESE ATTACK**"Mailed Fist" Of Moscow**

Moscow, February 10.
To-day in a snowstorm 585 tanks and 30,000 men of the Red Army paraded across the Red Square in celebration of the holding of the seventeenth Communist Party Congress. It was also the thirtieth anniversary of the successful Japanese naval attack on the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbour.

Such a parade at the time of holding the Congress is unprecedented. The provincial delegates will now return to their distant homes with a healthy sense of Moscow's "mailed fist." They occupied stands on each side of Lenin's tomb.

From the roof of the tomb M. Stalin, the Dictator, in a new military uniform, and his chief lieutenants took the salute. Foreign military attaches in full uniform stood at the foot of the tomb with the senior officers of the Soviet General Staff. Among the latter I noticed Gen. Blucher, who is now Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern Red Army.

Led Cantonese Troops.
Gen. Blucher is better known abroad as "Galen," who led the Cantonese forces to Shanghai in 1927.

At the meeting of the Congress yesterday he made a very long report on the Soviet-Japanese situation. This has not been released for publication.

Cantering along the front of the troops in his usual Napoleonic style, the War Commissary, M. Voroshiloff, reviewed the Moscow garrison, massed in the Red Square and adjacent streets. He afterwards joined M. Stalin on the roof of the tomb and addressed the army. He made no reference, however, to Japan.

After a salute of 101 guns in honour of the "International," the march past began to the strains of massed military bands of a thousand musicians. It went off without a hitch, the staff work and traffic control being, as ever, excellent.

Although from the drill sergeant's point of view not up to our standards, the line regiments marched well. The Marines, however, were not as good as usual, and, perhaps, owing to heavy drafting, the cadets from the military academies were distinctly raw.

FINE CIVILIAN FORCE

Some sixty so-called "civilian" companies were, on the other hand, quite impressive. They are the local equivalent of Storm Troops, and were not included on the Red Army's strength in the returns sent to Geneva.

The regular cavalry were as fine as ever. But the artillery horses were surprisingly "big," and looked as if they had been fed on wet hay.

The pride of the day was a score of tractor-drawn heavy guns—eight-inch or thereabouts. They shared the loudest applause with a smart company of Girl Cadets. The usual wealth of mechanised and motorised units was also displayed.

A monster air demonstration which had been arranged had to be cancelled owing to the snowstorm.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW.**To-day's Local Event.**

Entries have been received from Lady Peel and Lady Ho Tung among many others for to-day's annual Hong Kong Horticultural Society Show at the Volunteers' Headquarters, commencing at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Borrett, wife of the General Officer Commanding the Troops, will distribute the prizes.

A total of 45.87 per cent. of the Japanese army come from farming families, according to an investigation made by the military authorities. The percentage of professional men such as officials, physicians, artists and literary men stands fourth at 8.10 per cent.

Another Runaway Romance?

Margaret Sullivan and Jed Harris

Hollywood is all agog at persistent reports that Margaret Sullivan, film star, and Jed Harris, New York theatrical producer, have become married by the elopement route. Miss Sullivan's absence from Hollywood and Harris' mysterious departure from Broadway started rumours.

SUICIDE VERDICT RETURNED

Capt. Bramwell Firm Theosophist.

"ENOUGH POTASSIUM CYANIDE TO KILL 20 PERSONS"**SOLICITOR PROTESTS AGAINST THE AMOUNT**

A verdict of suicide by poisoning was returned by the jury at the inquiry held at the Central Police Court yesterday into the circumstances of the death of the late Captain Arthur Bayley Worthington Bramwell, whose body was found in his room in the St. Francis Hotel on February 1.

It was revealed in evidence that the late Captain Bramwell took a quantity of potassium cyanide, sufficient to kill 20 persons. He was stated to be a firm believer in Theosophy and had frequently talked of death, declaring that "if he died it was only a question of going to another world."

Jury's Verdict.

The jury in their verdict said, "We find that Captain Bramwell took the poison, but we have no means of knowing what state of mind he was in when he took it."

Mr. S. Balfour acted as Coroner and the jury comprised Messrs. A. O. Pile (Foreman), A. F. Walkden and C. J. Pintos.

Cyanide Potassium.

Dr. L. D. Pringle, of the Government Civil Hospital, in evidence, said that he held a post-mortem on the body and found that death was consistent with poisoning by cyanide potassium.

Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, said that he found .402 grammes of hydrocyanic acid in the deceased's organs, which in this case were formed by cyanide potassium. The legal dose usually taken was only .06 grammes. Witness also declared that a glass given to him by the police and which was stated to have been found in the deceased's room at the Hotel, contained four drops of a solution of this poison.

Financial Difficulties.

Mr. John Pym, a friend of the deceased, in evidence, said that he did not know that the late Captain Bramwell was in financial difficulties until after his death. He was a firm believer in Theosophy and had always talked of death.

Detective Inspector John Murphy said that as far as he could ascertain, the deceased had \$18,000 in August 1933, but he had since spent most of the money.

The Late Captain Bramwell.

The late Captain Bramwell was 56 years of age and a native of Bath, Somersetshire.

After serving his early apprenticeship days under the Shaw Savill and Albion Company he came out to China to join the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company.

About a year ago, the deceased retired, and had been since travelling up and down the China Coast and making occasional visits to Hong Kong. He was understood to be in very comfortable circumstances and possessed a general disposition making him a friend by whom he was very well liked.

EXCELLENT DANCING DISPLAY**Big Tribute Paid To Miss O'Keefe****MISS BETTY PESTONJI IN LIMELIGHT**

"Grace and jollity," would sum up the performance of the pupils of the O'Keefe-Montgomery School of Dancing in the Dancing Display given, under the patronage of H.E. The Governor, Sir William Peel, at the King's Theatre yesterday evening.

The all-round excellence of the dancing spoke volumes for the patience and industry of Miss O'Keefe, the producer of a first-class exhibition.

The scene for part one was set in a beautiful old-world garden, and appropriately enough, the first item was entitled "The Enchanted Garden." Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith opened this scene with a pleasing little song "An Old Garden." The Girl, the Fairy and the Enchantress then danced on to awake the sleeping spirits of the garden. Miss Joan Ferguson, Miss Gloria Lee and Miss Yvonne Martin danced graceful toe-dances in this scene. Miss Dawn Digby, the Statue, then awoke to dance with a balloon to an air from Chopin.

In the fourth item a dozen tiny Clowns frisked on to the stage, and amused the audience with their antics.

Spanish Dance Speciality

The outstanding item in the first half of the programme was a Spanish dance "Jota Aragonesa," by Miss Betty Pestonji, to the accompaniment of a song by Mr. G. D'Aquino. Miss Pestonji was encored and presented with a floral tribute.

Another song, "The Little Damozel" by Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, and an excellent tap-dance by fourteen "Midinettes" in attractive costumes of black and amber, closed the first half of the programme.

The first item after the interval was quite a novelty, being a tableau, arranged by Miss O'Keefe, to exhibit to the public the methods used in the dancing school. Exercises, from those given to the tiniest pupils, to the accomplished movements of the fully instructed, were displayed.

This tableau ended with the "Dance," Miss P. Scotcher, giving an exquisite display of toe-dancing. Miss W. Crosthwaite, showed some very graceful steps when she, as the "Picture," came to life, and instructed the "Dance" after she had been left, in disgrace, in the class-room.

A very good interpretation of the Hungarian Dance by Miss Pat Anslow followed, and another Spanish dance, "Fandanguito de Almeria," by Miss Betty Pestonji was greatly appreciated.

The "Harlequin and Columbine" dance by the Misses P. Scotcher, G. Martin and H. Martin, evoked much applause, as did the display of ball-room dancing by Mr. S. A. Gray and Miss Bella Pestonji.

Items Omitted

Unfortunately, owing to pressure of time, several items had to be omitted, and the last item before the Grand Finale was the "Mazurka," in which ten small girls, in Russian costumes, delighted the audience.

The orchestral music was provided by the string band of the 1st Lincolnshire Regiment, special pianoforte accompaniments being by Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. R. J. Sulter, Mrs. R. Pestonji, and Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

After the performance, which was applauded throughout by a well crowded house, the stage was one mass of colour from the many floral tributes.

The following took part in the programme: the Misses A. Dovey, H. Langston, J. Railton, P. Fletcher, A. Chan, M. Chan, J. Trow, J. Sinclair, H. Perry, V. Perry, G. Yee, P. Alexander, H. Martin, Y. Martin, P. Scotcher, G. Crosthwaite, E. Lim, A. Fisher, K. Kinchin, J. Freeman, J. London, M. Scott, E. Lane, D. Digby, P. Anslow, B. Paston, N. Kew, J. Pestonji, L. Dunn, L. Chang, W. Anslow, B. Dillon, B. Wong, P. Castro, P. Kinchin, A. Hayes, D. Freeman, J. Leo, S. Bell, V. Crosthwaite, B. Blundell, E. Fisher, M. Read, N. May.

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Fascists, Nazis, Et Hoc.

Black shirts, brown shirts, blue shirts, green shirts—the apotheosis of this necessary and in general retiring garment is the salient fact in our present day political developments. It appears that to many our decadent civilisation in this the last resource can only be saved by shirts. They take their shirts seriously. Far from the tumult and the shouting as we are we may find it difficult so to do, but when we read that in all good faith the British parliament proposes to pass a law banning the wearing of distinctive shirts by political parties we sit up and take notice. Shirts, we say, are no longer a subject for humourists. We must look into the matter, under the shirts in fact, and find out the why of this sudden craze for uniforms, the wherefore of this rash of variegated underwear afflicting the nations. "Uniforms," says the great McGarva, "are a curse, invented by the Kaiser, the Devil, and Baden Powell," which seems rather unfair to his satanic majesty. "The Kaiser put all Germany into uniforms, and the Chief Scout all the rest of the world. Once a Boy Scout you're never happy unless sporting a uniform. I own up, it's the kill that keeps me in the Volunteering." Since the War the world has suffered from a spate of dictators, most of them pretty poor samples. Mussolini was the first, and so far the only outstanding success, though Hitler looks like running a good second. But then Mussolini is a great and good man and will rank in history with Cromwell, Napoleon, Peter of Russia. A great psychologist, a great administrator, a great economist. Even in his selection of a uniform he showed his flair for finance. He saw his little army without a uniform, and an army without a distinctive dress is unthinkable, a rabble under arms. They had no war chest to fall back on, but every man in the nature of things had a shirt. So shirts it was, black shirts, for soap costs money. If Tom Hood sang "The Song of the Shirt" it was left to Mussolini to bring the shirt into its own. We knew Italy before the War, and we have visited it during the Dictator's regime. We can certify that the improvement in administration, sense of stability, and every thing that depends on sound government must be experienced to be believed. If a Dictator of Mussolini's

calibre was available it is our humble opinion—and we are not alone in that opinion—that Great Britain might do worse than give him the job. But Mussolini's are few and far between. Can you imagine Great Britain, with her sound and highly developed political, in strict handing over her destinies to any one of the blatant gasbags, newspaper magnates, overstrung-intellectuals, lime-lighters who at present see themselves in the role? If ever the day comes, and God forbid it, that the Old Country has so fallen from its high estate as to need a Dictator, the day will bring forth the man. But that day is not yet. But do not run away with the idea that a dictatorship in Great Britain is impossible. Nothing is impossible to even the most stable and democratic country in this crisis, these days of "sturm und drang." What about Roosevelt, and a loudly-vaunted pure democracy being governed by a President who has for all practical purposes a dictator's powers? And history tells us that for hundreds of years England was governed and thrived under a dictatorship, for what else were the Tudor Kings? What else 'ever was Elizabeth, what else was Robert the Bruce and the early Stuarts? But these were all strong-minded, clear-headed personalities, who knew what they wanted, and got it. That what they wanted was for the good of their country as well as for their own glorification can hardly, at least as a general proposition, be justly denied. For a hundred years and more a free democracy has been the most lauded form of government, the form aimed at by reformers in countries that knew it not. But the stock of democracy has suffered a bad slump of late years, and for that democracy itself is to blame. For democracy, as we now know it is democracy run to seed, top-heavy, asking for a full Universal suffrage has killed it, as it would kill any state not owning up to its power. Well, may the wind-bags, leading the born-tired, the unfortunate, the jobless, the discontents, the failures, the flappers to the ballot box; and so their half-hated representatives easily led. Government by the wind-bags, leading the born-tired, the unfortunate, the jobless, the discontents, the failures, the flappers to the ballot box; and so their half-hated representatives easily led.

"Well, Marie," said the fat one, still on his knees, "if you'll not accept my offer you might at least help me up."

"They don't!"

"But I want to marry a clever man."

"Clever men don't marry."

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A pretty girl had a corpulent suitor. The stony lover went on his knees to propose in the old-fashioned manner. Even this romantic attitude, however, did not soften the girl, and she promptly refused him.

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Facts You Did Not Know.

Operated by pressing a bulb, a new device fits the top of a bottle tightly and converts it into a siphon.

Haiti's exports of coffee in June were 114 per cent greater than the June average for the last nine years.

To increase the number of apes in the country, Peru has prohibited exportation of the animals.

An electrically operated machine has been invented to shave old cans of paint with the hair dressed fine.

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HERE, THERE,
and
EVERWHERE

The Dollar And Geneva.

The devaluation of the dollar has had unfortunate consequences for the League of Nations.

Many scientific and statistical research activities carried on at Geneva have been financed for some years by wealthy American institutions.

The value of the dollar in Swiss francs being now exactly one half its value two years ago, these philanthropic societies have had drastically to curtail their expenditure at Geneva.

One American research organisation associated with the League, the International Institute for the Scientific Organisation of Labour, has already gone out of business.

Others may follow.

When The Thames Dried Up

Lord Desborough told the Authors' Club recently that "everyone who looks after a river is worried either by too much water or too little."

Whoever was officially in charge of the Thames in 1312 must have been gravely disconcerted by an unprecedented drought. It was so severe that at low tide Londoners could wade knee-deep from the City to Southwark.

A still more phenomenal state of affairs happened in 1716.

A torrid summer was followed by a sudden gale from the W.W. This blew the remaining water in the tidal Thames out to sea.

People walked almost dry-shod across the bed of the river.

Your Daily Smile.

THOSE PAPERS!

A University professor, invited to address a club meeting, chose as his subject: "Need of Education."

The following day a newspaper headline reported, "Professor's Speech Shows Need of Education."

Wrecked!

The charge was one of drunkenness.

"And what evidence have you to offer, constable," said the magistrate, "except that you found the prisoner lying complacently in a horse trough in the public square?"

"This, your worship," said the policeman, producing an empty whisky bottle. "It was floating beside him, and inside it was the message, 'Wrecked off Bull's Head; one survivor!'"

America Faces Drink Shortage.

Beer to-day and gone to-morrow.

That Funny Feeling.

It was the eve of the party, and young Bobby was constantly thinking of joys to come.

"Oh, mum," he said, "I do feel so excited!"

"Excited, dear," said his mother, realising the cause. "What is excited?"

"Why," said the boy, "it's being in a hurry all over."

THEY DON'T!

"But I want to marry a clever man."

Clever men don't marry.

Yet unless their looks mislead me, many of these Gloucester gentlewomen are of Welsh extraction. The sea breezes have whipped the colour into her cheeks, so that she looks the picture of health. She is just as chic as her London cousin, without possessing that bored and blasé expression. Her complexion is good, her figure slim and supple, and she surely understands the art of make-up.

I insist that the young women of Portsmouth are the prettiest in England.

And I refuse to be contradicted even by the Royal Navy.

ENGLAND'S PRETTIEST WOMEN

PORTSMOUTH'S CLAIM TO FAME

WHERE LONDONERS LOSE

(By Mary Burdett)

chanted me, and the majority of women there belong to an interesting and un-English type.

In the Middle Ages, when the cruel persecutions of the Spanish Inquisition drove the Flemish weavers from their homes in the Netherlands, many sought refuge in the East Coast towns and villages of England. To this day numbers of their descendants show unmistakable traces of foreign origin.

There are girls in Boston and Spalding that Rubens or Van Dyck might have painted. They have the bright, deep-set eyes, the rather widely modelled faces, and the rosy cheeks that one sees to-day in the Netherlands.

My travels brought me into contact with many interesting types, but I did not realise that my search was over until I reached Portsmouth.

I have been watching those gay, trim young southern women in all their moods. I have been studying them shopping in Palmerston-road, walking briskly along the Ladies' Mile, deporting themselves at various places of amusement in the harbour town.

So, after due fasting and intense meditation, I have decided to award the palm to Portsmouth for possessing the prettiest girls in England.

The typical Portsmouth girl has that fresh, out-of-the-handbox look which is so compellingly attractive.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Mr. Li Tsz Fong Welcomed.

TWO RESOLUTIONS CARRIED

The 91st Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 6 at 3 o'clock. Members present were:

Director of Education—Mr. N. L. Smith, B.A., (Chairman), Senior Inspector of English Schools—Mr. A. R. Sutherland, M.A., Senior Inspector of Vernacular Schools—Mr. Y. P. Law, B.A., Mr. A. Arculli, Rev. Fr. Byrne, S.J., Ph.D., Captain P. S. Cannon, M.A., A.E.C., Mr. L. D'Almada e Castro, Jr., Sir W. W. Hornell, Kt., C.I.E., M.A., LL.D., Mr. Li Tsz Fong, Very Rev. A. Swann, M.A., D.S.C., Hon. Mr. S. W. Tsao, O.B.E., LL.D., and Mr. B. Wyllie.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Li Tsz Fong who had been appointed to the Board in place of Mr. H. K. Woo, LL.D., resigned.

The following resolutions were carried:

(a) "That this Board recommends the inclusion of the Maryknoll Convent School, Kowloon, in the list of Grant-in-Aid Schools and asks that the Estimates for 1933 should include a sum of \$10,000 for this purpose."

(b) "That Government be requested to approve of the usual Grant-in-Aid to the Branch School of the Diocesan Girls' School at Kowloon Tong and to include \$1,000 in the Estimates for 1933."

"WILLIAM TELL" TALKIE

A spectacular talking picture based on the life of the Swiss patriot William Tell, is to be made in Berlin with Conrad Veidt as General, the American tyrant.

"Theobaldine" and "Avalon" are

DICTATORSHIP NOT FOR BRITAIN

Mr. Baldwin Broadcasts His Views.

CIVIL WAR THREAT

London, To-day. In a broadcast address to schools this afternoon, Mr. Stanley Baldwin expressed the strong belief that dictatorships, whether from the Right or Left, would not flourish in British soil where democratic institutions were indigenous.

He admitted that a Dictator might do much when in power, but one thing he could not do was to create another Dictator. When he went chaos often resulted.

He appreciated that the young were always in a hurry, and possibly those two alien growths, Communism and Fascism might appeal to some of them.

Civil War Would Result.

Britain was a free country in which either creed might be supported in safety, but he believed that if the British people, in great numbers, became adherents of either Communism or Fascism, there could only be one end of it—civil war.

Adjudging youth to take its share in the responsibilities of public life Mr. Baldwin said:—"If you do so, use your common sense, avoid logic, love your fellowmen, have profound faith in your own people, grow the hide of rhinoceros, and you will find all the adventure you want, for it is indeed endless."—British Wireless Service.

H.M.S. ROBIN LAUNCHED

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Greig went on to say that it was generally known H.M.S. Robin was built by Messrs. Yarrow and Company and brought to Hong Kong in parts and assembled at the Taikoo Docks. The Admiralty overseers would later inspect the vessel, and he hoped that they would tell him that it had been done properly.

He said that this vessel represented the fifth gunboat which the Taikoo Docks had erected for the Admiralty, and hoped that it was not to be the last.

Mr. Greig presented Mrs. Elliott with a brooch as a souvenir of the ceremony, and toasted the health of Mrs. Elliott and the Captain in adding his best wishes in connection with H.M.S. Robin.

Mrs. Elliott thanked Mr. Greig very much for the honour of christening H.M.S. Robin and wished the vessel every success. She also congratulated everybody on the work they had done.

SUBMARINE ON SLIPS

Commodore Elliott said that for the past many years the Admiralty and the Taikoo Docks had worked in perfect harmony. This was one of the many ships that had been brought out to Hong Kong and erected by the Docks, and as a matter of fact, at present a submarine now on the slips.

He paid special tribute to Mr. Greig for the very good work he had done for the Navy during his many years out here, and proposed a toast to the health of the firm, coupled with that of Messrs. Yarrow and Company.

FOR WEST RIVER NEXT MONTH

H. M. S. Robin is the very latest type of river gunboat, having an exceptionally low draft.

She was brought out in parts to Hong Kong, on November 10, by the ss. Hector and assembled at the Docks under the supervision of Mr. W. R. Latham and Comdr. Lang, the latter being in charge of her engines.

It is expected that the vessel will be commissioned for service on the West River patrol early in April.

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

Designed by Sir A. W. Johnstone, K.C.B., C. B. E., and built by Messrs. Yarrow and Company, Ltd., at Scotstoun, her dimensions are: length 150 feet, 8½ feet, draught and breadth 26.8 feet. She displaces 226 tons and her twin 800 horse-power engines give her a speed of 12½ knots. She carries 40 tons of oil fuel.

Her armament includes one 3.7 inch howitzer and a 6 pounder, in addition to machine guns.

Mr. Comdr. Donald is in command with J. R. Boothby as second officer. She carries a complement of 40.

"Heart-Breaker"**BRITAIN'S SOUND FINANCES**

Revenue Surplus Now £13,000,000.

LOWER EXPENDITURE

London, To-day. The latest Treasury returns show that the ordinary revenue for the current financial year, up to March 3, amounted to £635,015,624. At the corresponding date of last year, the amount stood £660,369,369.

Ordinary expenditure for the current year, totalled £282,236,073, as compared with £275,017,021 at the corresponding date of last year.

From the figures it will be seen that the surplus of revenue over expenditure had last week increased to about £18,000,000, a figure which is likely to be substantially exceeded by the end of this month, when the financial year terminates.

Of the £18,000,000 in land revenue collected during the week, £14,000,000 came from income tax, £2,500,000 from surtax, and £1,500,000 from estate duty.—British Wireless Service.

COMPLETE ECONOMY PLAN WANTED.**Warning By American Agriculture Secretary**

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL
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New York, To-day.

In a speech here, yesterday, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry C. Wallace, warned that uncontrolled inflation, producing astounding results, would be the alternative of international planned economy.

He hinted at the peril, "after our present illusions have been swept away," unless they developed an international economic plan more complete than the present temporary Governmental expedients.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

TIGER MOTH PLANES FOR R.A.F.**Air Ministry Place Substantial Order.****WORLD-WIDE POPULARITY**

London, To-day. The British Air Ministry has placed a substantial order for De Havilland "Tiger Moth" light biplanes which will form the equipment of certain Royal Air Force units.

These machines resemble in size and general appearance the well-known "Moth" touring planes which are flown by amateur pilots all over the world, but they are designed for the carriage of the comprehensive military load and the performance of every manoeuvre in the repertory of the service pilot.

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The "Tiger Moth" and "Moth" training aeroplanes are well-known to pilots of fourteen foreign countries outside of Great Britain. They are Brazil, Chile, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Poland, Netherlands, Persia, China, Japan and Austria.—British Wireless Service.

SUGAR CONFERENCE IN LONDON.**Ten Governments Meet At Second Sitting.****PROBLEM OF PRODUCTION**

London, To-day. The London conference on the production and the marketing of sugar, summoned by the Bureau of the World Economic Conference, held its second sitting yesterday, when statements were made by the Earl of Plymouth, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, who was on Monday elected Chairman, and by the United States delegate.

The latter based his statement on the message of President Roosevelt to Congress on February 8, and on the Bill introduced into the Senate four days later.

Lord Plymouth stated that the British Government adhered to the proposals made at the time of the World Economic Conference, except for some small adjustment of export figures applying to non-self-Governing Colonies.

The Governmental repre-

To-day's Short Story.

THE SEA RAIDERS

By H. G. Wells.

UNTIL the extraordinary affair at Sidmouth, the peculiar species *Haploethis ferox* was known to science only generically, on the strength of a half-digested tentacle obtained near the Azores, and a decaying body pecked by birds and nibbled by fish, found early in 1896 by Mr. Jennings, near Land's End.

In no department of zoological science, indeed, are we quite so much in the dark as with regard to the deep-sea cephalopods. A mere accident, for instance, led to the Prince of Monaco's discovery of nearly a dozen new forms in the summer of 1895, a discovery in which the before-mentioned tentacle was included. It chanced that a cachalot was killed off Terceira by some sperm whalers, and in its last struggles charged almost to the Prince's yacht, missed it, rolled under, and died within twenty yards of his rudder. And in its agony it threw up a number of large objects, which the Prince, dimly perceiving they were strange and important, was, by a happy expedient, able to secure before they sank. He set his screws in motion, and kept them circling in the vortices thus created until a boat could be lowered. And these specimens were whole cephalopods and fragments of cephalopods, some of gigantic proportions, and almost all of them unknown to science!

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Dope," by Colin Davy.

The first human being to set eyes upon a living *Haploethis*—the first human being to survive, that is, for there can be little doubt now that the wave of hatching fatalities and boating accidents that travelled along the coast of Cornwall and Devon, in early May was due to this cause—was a retired tea-dealer of the name of Fison, who was stopping at a Sidmouth boarding-house. It was in the afternoon, and he was walking along the cliff path between Sidmouth and Ladram Bay. The cliffs in this direction are very high, but down the red face of them in one place a kind of ladder staircase has been made. He was near this when his attention was attracted by what at first he thought to be a cluster of birds struggling over a fragment of food that caught the sunlight, and glistened pinkish-white. The tide was right out, and this object was not only far below him, but remote across a broad waste of rock reefs covered with dark seaweed and interspersed with silvery shining tidal pools. And he was, moreover, dazzled by the brightness of the further water.

By the departure of Miss Margery Rice for home, the St. Andrew's Church Young People's Society are losing a faithful helper. A small presentation was made to her before her departure, when Mrs. Rogers voiced the thanks of the members.

Father D. J. Finn, S.J., will act as Superior of the Jesuits in Hong Kong, during the temporary absence of Father G. Byrne, who is still laid up.

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Mr. E. C. Thomas has been elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. P. J. A. Hamilton Hon. Treasurer, of the St. Andrew's Church Council, to fill the vacancies caused by the impending departures from the Colony of Mr. F. W. Dunn and Mr. J. W. Baldwin, respectively.

As he had nothing better to do than amuse himself, he decided to make this object, whatever it was, the goal of his afternoon walk instead of Ladram Bay, conceiving it might perhaps be a great fish of some sort, stranded by some chance and flapping about in its distress. And so he hurried down the long, steep ladder, stopping at intervals of 30 ft. or so to take breath and gazing at the mysterious movement.

At the foot of the cliff he was, of course, nearer his object than he had been; but, on the other hand, it now came up against the incandescent sky beneath the sun, so as to seem dark and indistinct.

Whatever was pinkish of it was now hidden by a scurry of weedy boulders. But he perceived that it was made up of seven rounded bodies, distinct or connected, and that the birds kept up a constant croaking and screaming but seemed afraid to approach it too closely.

Pleading not guilty to a charge of assaulting Kau Yu-tong, a district watchman, in Melan Street, Tsang Tai-san, a broker, was discharged by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Tang Yan, an unemployed youth, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning. The charge was for stealing a radiator cap from car No. 2322 belonging to Mr. M. H. Lo, proprietor of Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd.

The Department for Overseas Chinese Affairs has issued a detailed report showing the number of Chinese emigrants to other countries during 1932 as 182,000 and the number of those who have been forced by various circumstances to return to China as 278,000.

The preliminary conference arranged between the United Kingdom, Belgium, United States, Hong Kong, Poland, France, Italy, and Australia.

The Governmental repre-

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CHINESE GIRL KIDNAPPED.

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NEW YORK OUTRAGE

New York. One of the earliest books printed in India has been auctioned at Sotheby's for £340.

It is an old medical work by the Portuguese physician Garcia da Orta, who was born at the end of the 16th century and lived in the East for more than 30 years to study Oriental medicines.

His book is dated 1563. The printing press is believed to have been brought to India by the Jesuits before 1560. It is known that there was a printing press at Goa at this date, but no printed books from it have survived.

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Pleading not guilty to a charge of the theft of a rattan case, containing some clothing valued at the property of Manmula.

At any rate, it is to this, at least, that he owes his life.

The defendant had previously been convicted for larceny.

When a plot boarded the steam yacht "Time" to bring her into Oporto, he was surprised to find that the skipper who welcomed him on the bridge was a woman.

Madame Oliveira holds a master's ticket, and writes and illustrates books. She is the author of "The Story of the Portuguese," "The Portuguese in the World," and "The Portuguese in the Americas."

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Li Fat, alias Li Kwong-fat, an unemployed port-sailor, pleaded guilty to a charge of being in possession of an iron bar, useful

for breaking into the rocky pool that frequently breaks among the rocks of the sea.

He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.



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TROOPS IN ACTION AGAINST WOLVES

Bulgarian Government Officials Attacked.

VILLAGES INVADED

Sofia. Wolves have appeared on the outskirts of Sofia and troops in a military post near the city were turned out to repel the attack of a large pack of the hungry beasts, which was driven off by rifle fire.

In the Burgas district owing to the exceptionally hard winter the wolves have become extremely daring. Cattle have been attacked and killed in the streets of the villages in the evening and in the fields such attacks are common in broad daylight.

Two Government officials of Karabat had a narrow escape when driving home at night. They were attacked by a pack of wolves. Their horses took fright and bolted. The wolves raced alongside and began to drag the horses down but the officials managed to keep them off with whips until they reached the safety of the town.

A shepherd in the same district was attacked by a long wolf but, helped by his dog, the shepherd slew the wild beast.—Reuter.

BORN BEFORE HIS GREAT-UNCLE

Birth Coincidence in Poland.

Wlockawek, Poland. A woman of 58, her daughter and her grand-daughter all gave birth to healthy children during the same night, in the village of Kruszyne, near Brest-Kujawski.

The first child to be born was that of the 17-year-old granddaughter, Mrs. Wisniewska.

The midwife was then called to attend the birth of this child's uncle and before morning his great-uncle had also been born.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1934.

In a moment Mr. Fison realised that he was in danger.

He shouted again, threw both his boots and started off, with a leap, forthwith. Twenty yards off he stopped and faced about, judging them slow, and behold! the tentacles of their leader were already pouring over the rocky ridge on which he had just been standing!

At that he shouted again, but this time not threatening, but a cry of dismay, and began jumping, striding, slipping, wading across the uneven expanse between him and the beach. The tall red cliffs seemed suddenly at a vast distance, and he saw, as though they were creatures in another world, two minute workmen engaged in the repair of the ladder-way, and little suspecting the race for life that was beginning below them.

At one time, he could hear the creatures splashing in the pools not a dozen feet behind him and once he slipped and almost fell.

They chased him to the very foot of the cliff, and desisted only when he had been joined by the workmen at the foot of the ladder-way up the cliff.

One of the men seized them with stones for a time, and then buried the cliff top and went back towards Sidmouth.

The other workman, however, continued to chase him, shouting, "Come back, come back!"

He reached the ladder-way and

To Make Army Stratosphere Flights



Captain Albert W. Stevens (left), noted photographer of the U.S. Army Air Corps, and Major William A. E. Fison, expert balloonist of the corps, who will attempt next summer to ascend into the stratosphere in the balloon flights being jointly sponsored by the Air Corps and the National Geographic Society. The flights will be the most ambitious yet undertaken.

THE SEA RAIDERS

(Continued from Page 9)

He approached his mark with all the assurance which the absolute security of this country against all forms of animal life gives its inhabitants.

The round bodies moved to and fro, but it was only when he surmounted the skerry of boulders I have mentioned that he realised the horrible nature of the discovery. It came upon him with some suddenness.

The rounded bodies fell apart as he came into sight over the ridge and displayed the pinkish object to be the partially devoured body of a human being, but whether of a man or woman he was unable to say.

And the rounded bodies were new and ghastly-looking creatures, in shape somewhat resembling an octopus, with huge and very long and flexible tentacles, colled copiously on the ground. The skin had a glistening texture, unpleasing to see, like shiny leather.

The downward bend of the tentacle-surrounded mouth, the curious excrescence at the bend, the tentacles, and the large, intelligent eyes gave the creatures a grotesque suggestion of a face. They were the size of a fair-sized swine about the body, and the tentacles seemed to him to be many feet in length. There were, he thinks, seven or eight at least of the creatures. Twenty yards beyond them, amid the surf of the now returning tide, two others were emerging from the sea.

At that all four men, greatly excited, began beating the water with oars and shouting, and immediately they saw a tumultuous movement among the weeds. They desisted to see more clearly, and as soon as the water was smooth, they saw, as it seemed to them, the whole sea bottom among the weeds set with eyes.

"Ugly swine!" cried one of the men. "Why, there's dozens!"

And forthwith the things began to rise through the water about them. Mr. Fison has since described to the writer this startling eruption out of the waving laminaria meadows. To him it seemed to occupy a considerable time, but it is probable that really it was an affair of a few seconds only. For a time nothing but eyes, and then he speaks of tentacles streaming out and parting the weed fronds this way and that. Then these things, growing larger until at last the bottom was hidden by the interlocking forms, and the tips of tentacles rose darkly here and there into the air above the swell of the water.

One came boldly to the side of the boat, and, clinging to this with three of its suckered tentacles, threw four others over the gunwale, as if with an intention either of overturning the boat or of climbing into it. Mr. Fison at once caught up the oarhook, and jabbed furiously at the soft tentacles torched it to deal!

He was struck in the back and almost pitched overboard by the boatman, who was using his oar to resist a similar attack on the other side of the boat. But the tentacles on either side at once relaxed their hold at this, slid out of sight, and splashed into the water.

"We'd better get out of this," said Mr. Fison, who was trembling violently. He went to the tiller, while the boatman and one of the workmen seated themselves and began rowing. The lone workman stood up in the fore part of the boat, with the oarhook ready to strike any more tentacles that might appear.

Nothing else seems to have been said. Mr. Fison had addressed the common feeling beyond amendment. In another stroke of fate, when he turned his head towards Sidmouth, he saw the two men who had been chasing him, shouting, "Come back, come back!"

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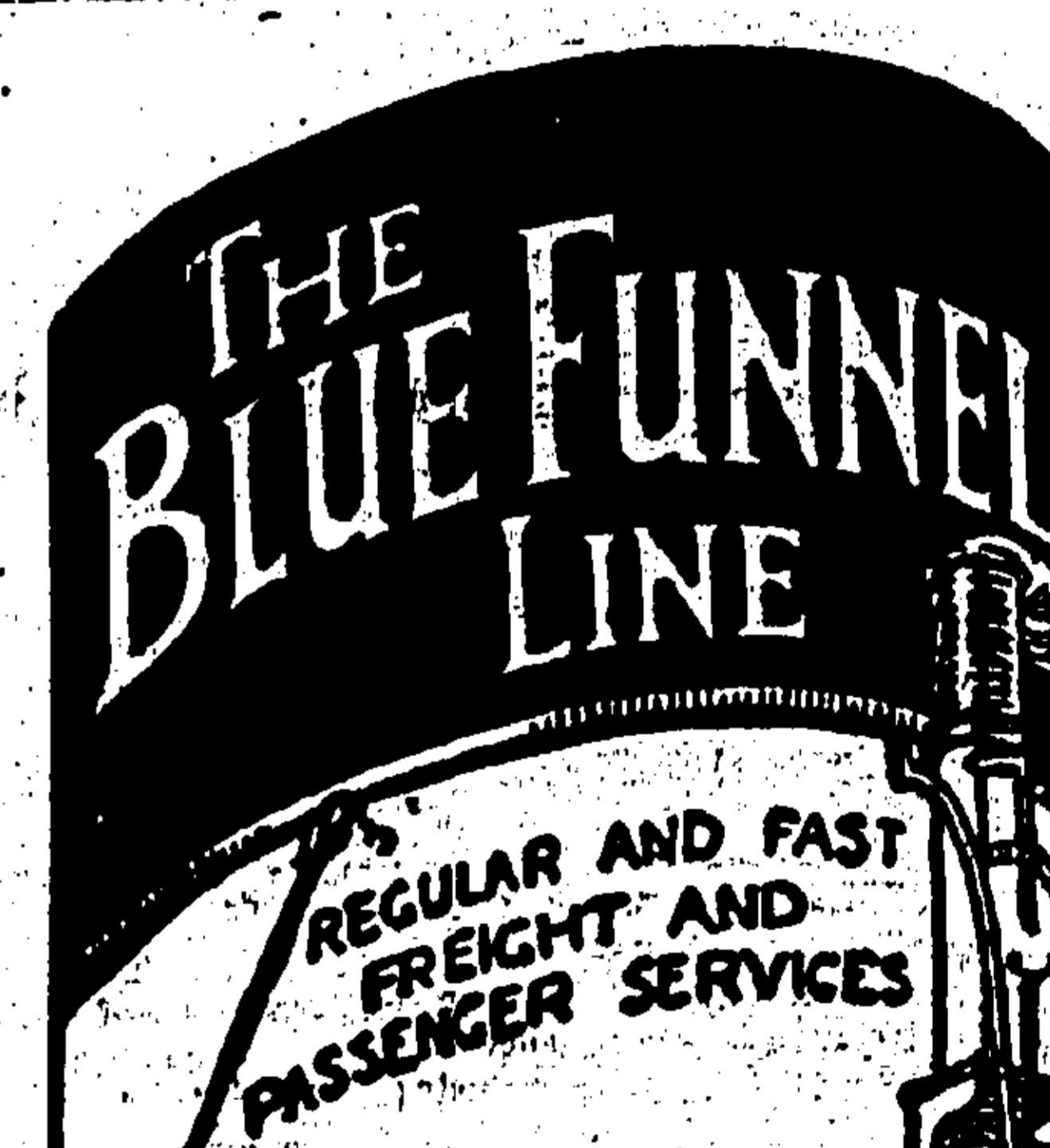
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TO SNAPPY TUNES
WITH CHARMING PARTNERS
EVERY NIGHT.

THE
YELLOW DRAGON
DANCING ACADEMY.
King's Theatre Bldg. (Top floor)

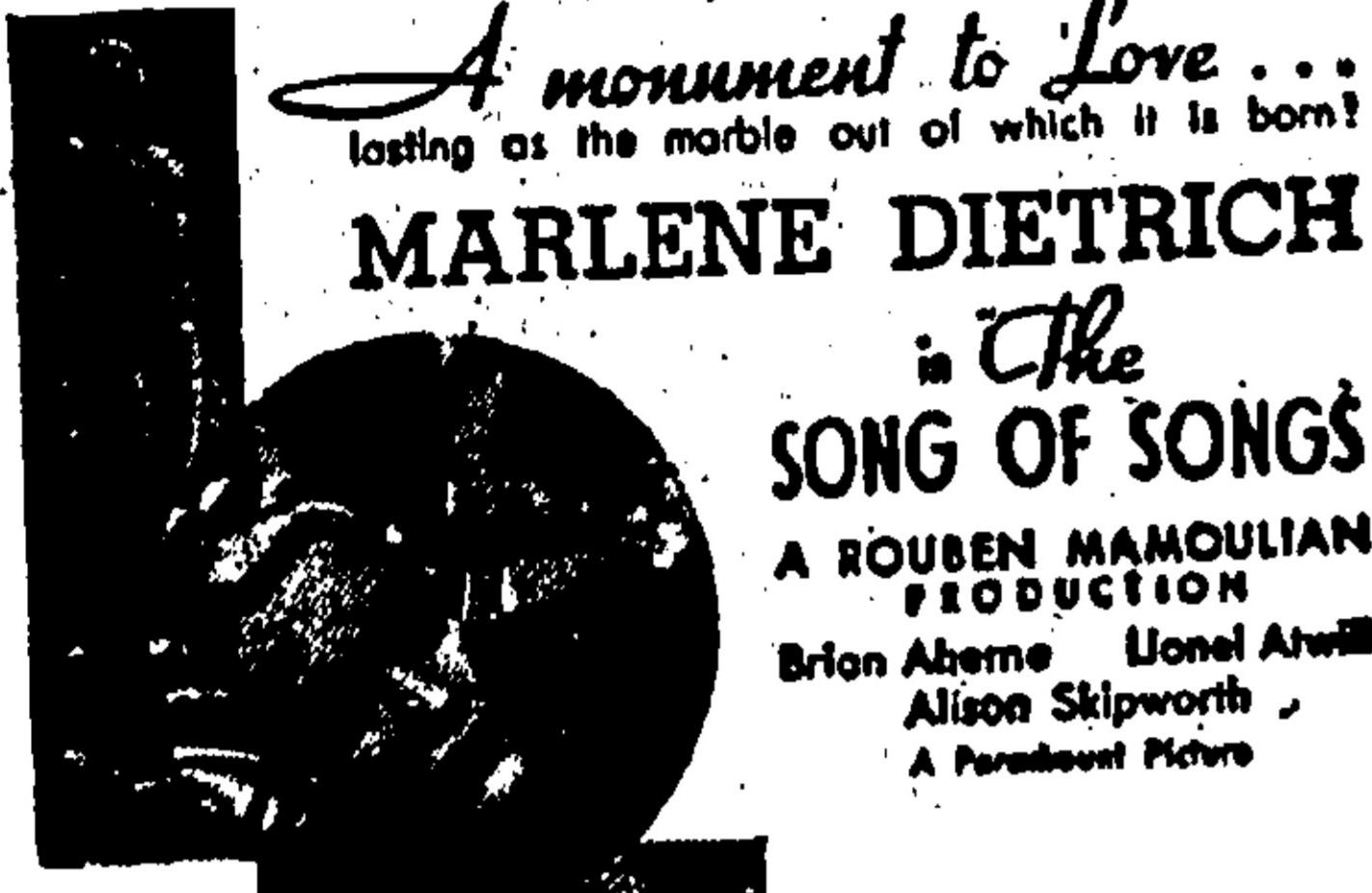
The China Mail.

NINETIETH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1934

KINGS

TO-DAY ONLY AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.30 P.M.

*A monument to Love ...**lasting as the marble out of which it is born!*

MARLENE DIETRICH

in *The
Song of Songs*A ROUBEN MAMOULIAN
PRODUCTION

Brian Aherne Lionel Atwill

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A Paramount Picture

ALSO "LATEST PARAMOUNT PICTORIAL" AND
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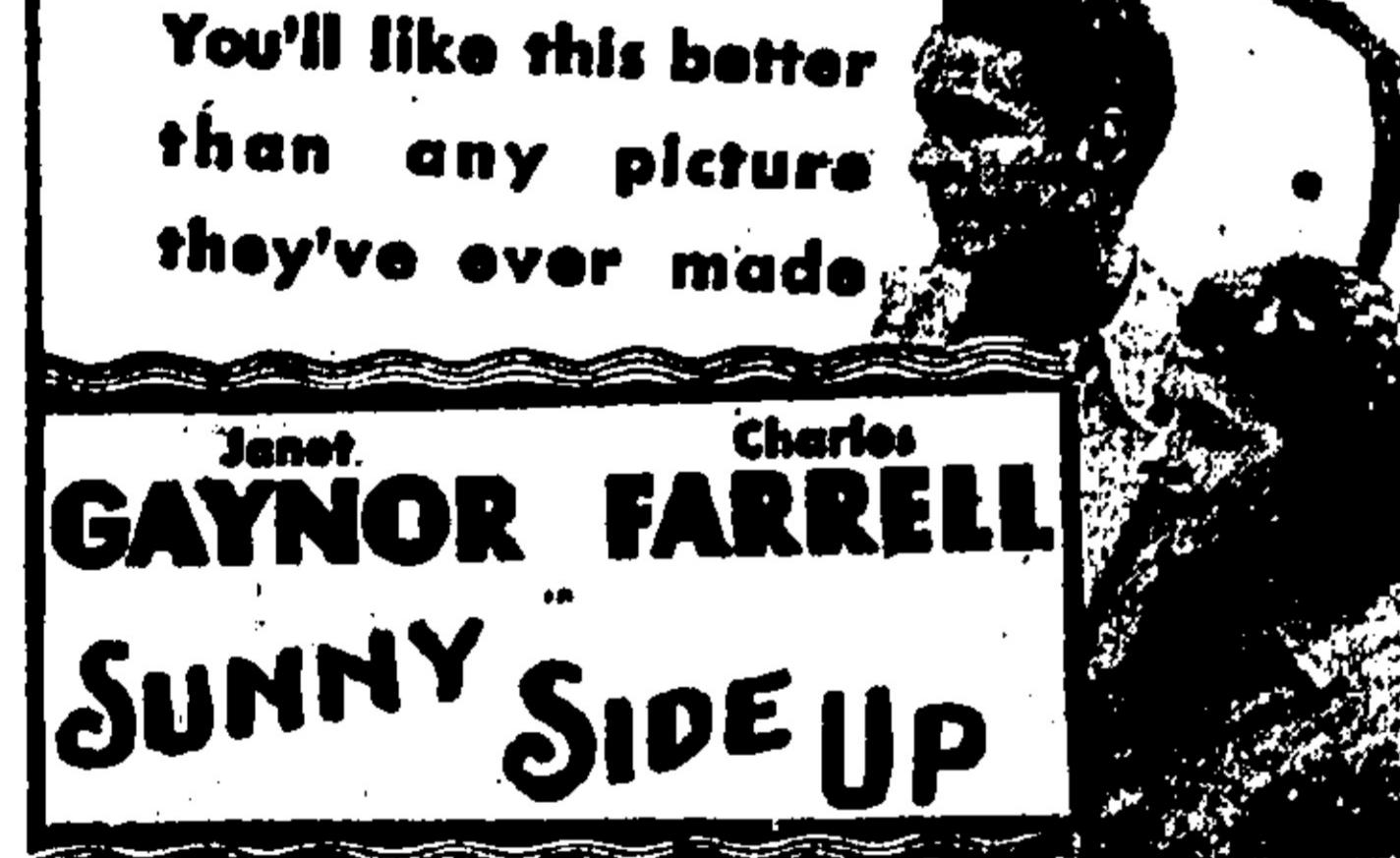


IT GETS UP AND GOES...UP THE GAY WHITE WAY!
BING CROSBY JACK OAKIE
Skets Gallagher JUDITH ALLEN
HARRY GREEN LILIAN TASHMAN
and NED SPARKS

A Paramount Picture

ORIENTAL

THE ANT TRAP OR HAPPY VALLEY DAY
2 DAYS ONLY TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.
WE HAVE MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT
TO SECURE A NEW COPY OF THIS FAMOUS PICTURE.



ANOTHER REVIVAL.

OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST SCREEN PRODUCTIONS.
A PICTURE YOU'LL DEARLY LOVE TO SEE AGAIN.

HERE'S an outstanding production with an enthralling story, and comedy, real comedy, spectacular scenes and the best song hits of any picture ever made!

AT THE MAJESTIC TO-DAY & TO-MORROW

AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.



It is reported in
**THE PENGUIN
POOL MURDER**

A Story of a Double-Killing!

EDWARD OLIVER

Re-Opening Of The W.E.C.

America Has Nothing
To Propose.ROOSEVELT'S EMISSARY
FAREWELLED.Washington, To-day.
Mr. Richard Washburn Child, the prominent United States economist, was bidden farewell by President Roosevelt, yesterday, before leaving for Europe.

In an interview in regard to the re-convening of the World Economic Conference, Mr. Child said: "We have nothing to propose. It is up to the other nations if the Conference is to be revived." — Reuter.

Mr. Child, who was adviser to the American Secretary of State, Mr. William Cordell Hull, at the World Economic Conference, plans to leave for London on March 15, for a three-months economic survey of Europe.

Although he is not empowered to make any commitments on behalf of the United States, he is not restricted as regards the questions he might discuss with European statesmen.

Conference Considered
Unlikely Just Yet.Washington, To-day.
It is intimated that Mr. Richard Washburn Child's mission to Europe has a definite tie-up with President Roosevelt's pending tariff policies, and also with the reciprocal trade agreements he hopes to negotiate and for which it is essential to have the latest authentic information regarding the economic status of Europe.

Authoritative circles do not believe it probable that the World Economic Conference will be reconvened in the near future. — United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

LOCAL DOLLAR
UNCHANGED.

Silver Prices Decline.

The local dollar remains unchanged, opening on demand this morning at 1/6 1/2.

Spot and forward silver yesterday declined 1/16, closing prices being 20 9/16 and 20% respectively.

The London on New York cross rate, quoted on Monday at £-U.S.\$5.06%, yesterday closed at £-U.S.\$5.06%, while the New York on London rate yesterday closed at £-U.S.\$5.07% as compared with £-U.S.\$5.06% on Monday.

— United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

U.S. INDUSTRIAL
CREDIT BANKSScheme To Assist
Finance Recovery.

ROOSEVELT APPROVES PLAN

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL
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Authoritative circles believe that the Government will shortly adopt a plan creating 12 intermediate industrial credit banks in 12 Federal Reserve districts to provide business with direct long term credit against security, such as inventories, bills and receivable trade paper, and to help finance recovery, presumably with U.S.\$100,000,000 of Reconstruction Finance Corporation capital.

President Roosevelt, the Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, and Federal Reserve officials are reported to approve of the plan, due to the complaints that business is almost unable to get longer term money at the present times. — United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fine, with moderate north-east winds, is the forecast contained in the official weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

COLORS

TO-DAY ONLY AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30

The beautiful star of
"Red-Headed Woman"
bursts on the screen now
in the big laugh-riot of
the year!

IT'S HOT—
IT'S SIZZLING—
IT'S A
WOW!



VICTOR
FLEMING
Production
HUNT
STROMBERG
Associate
Producer

with
FRANK MORGAN
FRANCHOT TONE
PAT O'BRIEN
UNA MERIKEL
TED HEALEY

TO-DAY
and
TO-MORROW
STAR
At 2.30, 5.20,
7.20 & 9.20
"THE
BILLION
DOLLAR
SCANDAL"
with
Robert Armstrong
Constance Cummings
A Paramount Picture
Phone 57795

ALAMBRA

TO-DAY ONLY AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.

HE WAS A HIT-AND-RUN LOVER!
An Al-Caine Gave Him
the Jitters. He Wanted
to Be Free ... With
One Woman at a Time.CLARK
GABLE
No Man of
Her OwnGABLE IS IN
A TERRIFIC
NEW ROLE
A TWO-PIECE
Gambler who
Wants His
Money & Change
His WayDAVID O. SELBY
SHOWING
NEWSREELDAVID O. SELBY
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CENTRAL THEATRE

FINAL
SHOWINGS
TO-DAY
AT
2.30, 5.15,
7.15 & 9.30.ADVANCE
BOOKING
AT
ANDERSON'S.(ADORABLE)
WITH
HENRY GARAT
AND AN ALL-STAR
CAST.TO-MORROW
BRITISH LION FILM CO.
PRESENTS
AN OUTDOOR MUSICAL
A NEW KIND OF ENTERTAINMENT"LOVE ON SKIS"
WITH
JOAN AUSTIN—JACK LESTER
RALPH BOGAN—BULL & BUSTER